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### Crafts Afternoon A First At The Centre

Interest Leads to Classes

Sunday afternoon, April 2nd, was a landmark in the history of the Scandinavian Centre!

More than 100 people enjoyed coffee and pastry in the Viking Room, along with a leisurely examination of the displays and a look at how these beautiful handicrafts were made.

Susanne Balsløv showed her very special pottery and china painting; a good deal of Copenhagen blue was incorporated in her designs on porcelain.

The talent of **Anneli Thurlin** was obvious in her oil paintings which lit up her display area.

Lucille Oddson's unique and beautifully designed rugs and pictures were the source of a great deal of interest.

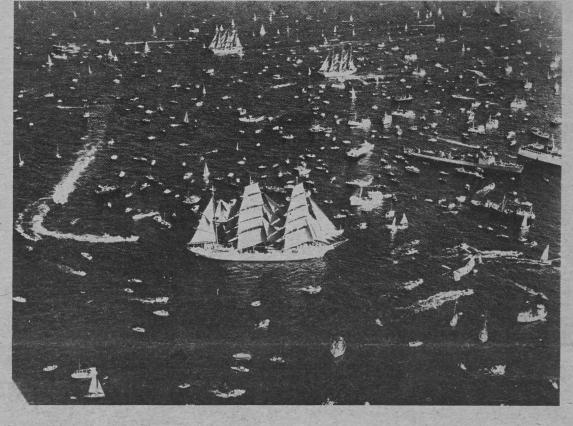
Astrid Hope displayed many of the very different and skillfully done Norwegian embroideries, as well as costumed dolls.

Beautiful samples of rosemaling and wood and bone carving attracted many on-lookers and prompted many questions at the table laid out by Harry Huser.

And the variety of stunning woven articles made by Pirkko Karvonen, well-known weaver, were fascinating.

Club Viking is grateful to the artists who so generously donated their time and effort to the very successful and genuinely enjoyable afternoon.

The response was tremendous! In view of the number of inquiries and the interest shown, Club Viking will be organizing craft classes to commence in the fall. There will be more on this in successive issues of the Scandinavian Centre News, so watch for more information. Ships Galore Sweden's sunny West Coast is truly a sailor's paradise and the home of "Sverige", the Swedish Sailboat that soon will challenge the American entry for the America's Cup, the symbol of world supremacy in sailing.



### Alberta's Heritage Day

## And A Chance to Learn Some Of Our Folk-Dances

by Della Roland

A meeting was held on April 17th at the Scandinavian Centre with representatives from the five ethnic groups together with the Nordic Society, to consider participation in Heritage Day.

The decision was made to take part in the activities this

ments were made by the guests

with respect to the typical Fin-

nish Smorgasbord which had

been prepared for the occasion

by the chef of the Mayfair Golf

and Country Club in co-opera-

tion with a number of ladies

from the Finnish community

with a set of 6 drawings of

Edmonton by Consul Graefe as

a memento of his visit.

Mr. Poppius was presented

Per Nielsen was elected chairman of the committee. Astrid Hope will take charge of the food. Kaarina Leino will look after the display and Pentti Sipari will be in charge of erecting the pavilion.

Jorgen Larsen of the Nordic Society will be in charge of the entertainment during the day; participants will be from the five ethnic groups and the Nordic Society.

Weekly practise is scheduled to start the first week in May at the Scandinavian Centre. Anyone interested in taking part — please call Jorgen Larsen at 487-5549. Do come out to practise — this is a marvelous chance to learn some of our Nordic folk dances!

Heritage Day this year will take place at Hawrelak Park on Sunday, July 30th.

### Finnish Smorg asbord Feature Of Reception



MISS AINO KETONEN, Arcadian Imports Ltd.

MR. TIMO POPPIUS, Export Manager OY ALKO AB

On March 16th Arcadian Imports Ltd., Western Canada representative for OY ALKO AB - Helsinki/Finland (Producer of *Finlandia Vodka*) held a reception to honour the visit of Mr. Timo Poppius, Export Manager for OY ALKO AB.

The Consul of Finland, Mr. Christian Graefe, Mr. Poppius, and Mr. Beier, President of Arcadian Imports Ltd., met with Alberta Government officials and Mr. Poppius termed the visit as very positive and the work of Arcadian Imports Ltd. on Alko's behalf in Western Canada as outstanding.

The reception held at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club was attended by members of the Government, Consular Corps, and the Alberta hotel industry, as well as a number of guests invited from other areas of the Alberta business community.

Particularly favourable com-

HANS HOLT

in Edmonton.

Mr. Hans Holt of Calgary, formerly of Edson, passed away on March 23, 1978, at 79 years of age.

Karen and Hans Holt came from the south-eastern part of Norway and when they came to Canada in 1927 they first settled in Saskatchewan, later moving to Edson where Hans looked after the horses in a lumber camp.

Hans was a master at carving figures out of wood, and he also loved old-time Scandinavian music.

He leaves his wife, Karen, eleven living children, thirty-six grand-children, and fifteen great-grandchildren. He will be remembered by his many friends.

# SPLINTERS from the BOARD

#### PORTFOLIOS DISTRIBUTED

The new Board of Directors held an organizational meeting on March 7th — names and portfolios appear on this page.

It was with regret that Steini Jonsson's resignation was accepted; he was a valuable and hard-working member of the Board who put together the successful lottery which was held last year. His resignation means that an appointment will have to be made for the balance of the year — in the meantime Doug Peterson has graciously agreed to continue as Treasurer.

#### CATERING

Badly-needed additional kitchen equipment and a walk-in cooler and freezer, all of which can be taken with us when we move into a new building, will be purchased as soon as possible.

Borge Velling is an extremely efficient and capable manager, and a superb chef; we are fortunate to have him with us.

#### LAKE LOT

Since Mrs. Vera Curl, the winner of the Lake Lot Lottery last year, chose to take the optional cash prize, the lot at Edmonton Beach will be sold; a different prize will be selected for the next lottery which we hold.

#### DEVELOPMENT

A proposal for the sale of our property to the City, recommended by the Development Committee, was reviewed by the Board and submitted to the City of Edmonton.

As soon as mutually satisfactory terms have been reached, the proposal will be brought to the shareholders at a Special General Meeting for ratification. The Board is hopeful that this will happen during the next six weeks, and for this reason a General Meeting has been called for June 21st. However, if we have not been able to finalize the terms in time, the meeting will be moved to July. Please be sure to watch for confirmation of the meeting date in next month's newspaper.

#### MUST HAVE CO-ORDINATOR

It has become evident that the amount of work which is going to have to be done on fund-raising for our new Centre, and the number of meetings which must be attended in connection with the many aspects of selling our present property, purchasing new property, and planning and erecting a new building, must be carefully organized and co-ordinated.

It has therefore been decided that someone must be hired on a full-time basis as Director of Special Projects; an advertisement for this position appears in this newspaper.

### Danish Tourist Office For Canada

### Poul Christensen Appointed

Poul Christensen has been appointed director of the new Danish National Tourist Office in Toronto.

The number of Canadian tourists directly to Denmark has risen from 34,000 in 1969 to 92,000 in 1976, and the revenue has exceeded \$27 million.

As a result the Danish Tourist Board has decided to open a tourist office in Toronto late this spring in order to better service the Canadian travel industry.

Mr. Christensen has been the director of the Scandinavian National Tourist Office in Los Angeles for the past ten years and was with the Scandinavian Railways in New York for the five years prior to that.

At 44, Mr. Christensen is a veteran of more than 28 years in the travel field, including many joint Scandinavian travel promotions in North America.

Since the Scandinavian National Tourist Office in Los Angeles also serves British Co-

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lumbia, he has frequently visited the travel industry in that province, and during his five years in New York he served Canadian travel agents from coast to coast.

Devon, Alberta

A native of Korsor, Denmark, a busy rail and ferry junction for Scandinavian tours crossing the Great Belt, Mr. Christensen joined the Danish State Railways at the age of 16.

After serving his duty with the Royal Danish Navy, he was assigned in 1956 to the Danish State Railways Travel Bureau in Copenhagen working inside the wholesale and retail operation.

From 1960-63 he studied advertising and public relations at the School of Economics and

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Mrs. Eileen Peterson

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Business Administration in Copenhagen.

In 1963 Mr. Christensen was transferred to Scandinavian Railways, New York, as Assistant Manager and as the youngest representative was hitherto appointed General Manager in January, 1966.

In August, 1968, he moved from one co-operative Scandinavian endeavour to another when he was appointed director of the Scandinavian National Tourist Office in Los Angeles — the government tourist promotion office for Denmark, Finland Jceland, Norway and Sweden, serving the West Coast of North America.

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by Gertie Holmgren

The April meeting was held in the Finnish Room on April 1st. Ray Nyroos, our President, chaired the meeting.

Those reported sick were Anna Sund, Hannah Sand, Betty Pearson, Milda Anderson and Alma Samuelson. We wish you all good health again very soon.

Beulah Hinton and Joan Petersson reported on Scandinavian Centre meetings they had attended. There was also a discussion on the increase in membership fees.

Two new members were initiated into our order: Patti Hill and Christine Berezuk. Welcome to these new members, and may their association with us be a happy one.

After the meeting we enjoyed a lovely lunch, and after coffee Bill Kay showed slides from their holiday in Bermuda as well as some of Pigeon Lake. Really beautiful. Linnea Lodge also showed slides from some of her travels. Thanks to both of you for sharing these with us.

The Ladies' Auxiliary had their April meeting at the home of Henry and Linnea Lodge on April 8th. The spring tea to be held at the home of Minnie and Harold Markstrom on May 13th was discussed. Harold and Minnie live out at Ellerslie, and if you want directions on how to get there you can get them by phoning Markstroms



988-5670.

The draw for the pot-bellied stove was won by Lorie Berkenbosche.

Marj Leander told us that on that day, April 8th, it was 50 years since Karl landed in Canada.

The next - meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary will be at the home of Karl and Marj Leander, 703, 10932 - 142 Street on May 10th at 1:30 p.m.

The Sorensens, Soren and Anne and their children, Marie Louise, Kent, Michael and Anders, had a ski break at Whitefish Lake, Montana.

Vi and Bert Watson holidayed in Hawaii. Came back beautifully tanned and reported meeting many acquaintances from

Bill and Martha Kay left their worries behind and let Greyhound do their driving when they travelled to Kamloops, B.C. for the Easter break to visit Lulu and Harold Lungren.

Winnie Pearson spent Easter week at the coast helping her daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Bob Brown, get moved.

#### Easter Visitors-

- Albert and Astrid Winquist had their daughter, June Young and her son, Brian, from Prince George, B.C., visiting during the Easter
- My niece and her husband, Joanne and Steven Mills, from Fort Nelson, B.C., spent their Easter break with me. My sister, Annie Melander, of Westerose also spent several days in my home during Easter week.

We are sorry to hear that our Swedish Consul, Sigurd Franzen, has suffered a heart attack and at the time of this writing is hospitalized and in intensive

Get well soon, Sig.

### Buford Lodge

by Florence Pearson

Buford Vasa Lodge held their annual Smorgasbord in the Calmar hall on April 8th.

A very large crowd was in attendance, and we thank you all for coming and giving your support, thereby making it such a

Congratulations to Hilda Modin of Calmar, who celebrated her 81st birthday on April

Family and friends came throughout the day to wish her the best and have coffee and cake with her.

Rose Jonson of Hinton spent a couple of days with Hilda

The following is a request from a couple of our members:

### Gotland, Sweden

If you, or your family, came from Gotland, Sweden, would like to hear from you!!

> Gotlangingarna Box 301 Calmar, Alberta TOC OVO

# and poems for

The Multiculturalism Directorate of the federal government wishes to gather material suitable for inclusion in an anthology of original stories and poems for children.

Submissions, with a high level of 'kid appeal', reflecting some aspect of Canada's multicultural nature are now being sought.

All those interested are asked to contact Jan Andrews (Anderson Road, R.R. 1, Carlsbad Springs, Ont. KOA 1KO) who is working with the Directorate under contract.

She will supply guidelines regarding subject matter, language of submissions, intended reader

### This month at the Centre MAY

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age, deadlines, etc., on request.

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### Holmenkollen Ski Festival

The highlight of the winter sports season in Norway is the annual Holmenkollen Ski Festival in Oslo, which gathers the world's elite of skiers for competitions in downhill, slalom and giant slalom, cross-country ski races and jumping - climaxed by the famous Holmenkollen ski jumping contest on 'Holmenkollen Sunday', an event which gathers record crowds of over 80,000 spectators, headed by the King and the Royal Family. The main events this year took place last month.

Holmenkollen's first jumping event took place in 1892 when the longest jump measured 71 feet. Since then the hill has undergone radical changes on several occasions. The present structure was made for the Winter Olympic Games in Oslo in 1952. Today the longest jump measures no less than 98.5 metres, or 300 feet. The contestants come from all parts of the world

Part of the special mystique of the Holmenkoll ski jumping tower is due to the rule that no one may use it except during the Holmenkollen Week. This ensures that every jumper stands an equal chance with the Oslo jumper. Participation is also very restricted; only the very best ski jumpers may enter. The jumping tower itself is 184 feet high, and its summit is 1.350 feet above the fjord overlooking Oslo. The hill has a built-in ski museum, the world's only, as well as a restaurant.

But the Holmenkollen Week is not for skiing only. There are opera and ballet performances as well as concerts by the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra. For the art lovers there are many museums to choose from, among them the outstanding Sonja Henie-Nils Onstad Art Centre, donated by the famous ice-skating star and her husband.

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SKIING AT SONS OF NORWAY'S SPORTS WEEKEND IN EDMONTON

# The Life and Works Of Henrik Ibsen (Text of a talk viven at HENRIK

IBSEN NIGHT)

by Christopher Hale **Assistant Professor** Scandinavian Studies University of Alberta

Henrik Ibsen was born in Skien in Telemark in the southeast of Norway on March 20, 1828, the second oldest of five boys and one girl. His father was a well-to-do merchant in the town, and the family led an aristocratic style of life until 1836, when Ibsen was seven, the father went bankrupt. Therefore the family had to move outside of town to a small country house which was the only thing left that they owned. As a child Ibsen was thought to be rather strange by his peers. In school his favourite subjects were history and religion, but he also did some painting.

#### Went To Grimstad

Because he wanted to be a doctor, after his confirmation Ibsen got a job at an apothecary (drug store) in Grimstad on the southern coast of the country. He went there in 1844.

Little is known about his first years in Grimstad. He seems to have been quite poor with few friends during this period. While in Grimstad he fathered an illegitimate child, an affair which Ibsen was quite ashamed of, and which is reflected in some of his works.

From 1847 on Ibsen was able to earn more money, though, and also he began to write poetry. He became the centre point of a small group of people who gathered together at the apothecary to discuss cultural and political matters. The late 1840's was a time of political unrest in Europe, with a number of revolutions occurring, and the establishing of liberal governments in several countries. In these matters Ibsen sympathized with the radical elements.

During these years his family had come under the influence of a revivalist movement. This was something which Ibsen hated intensely, and so he broke off contact with all of them except for his sister. She serves as model for a number of characters in his later plays - particularly Hedvig in The Wild Duck.

Enrolled in Preparatory School In 1850 he left Grimstad for

Christiania (now Oslo) where he enrolled in a university preparatory school, popularly known as Heltberg's Student Factory. He passed the university entrance examination, but never matriculated. Still a radical, Ibsen edited a student newspaper in 1851, and then a labour-oriented one. This latter newspaper was raided by the police one night and manuscript articles of most of the contributors seized in order to be used in their identification. compositor, crumpled up a number of these, threw them on the floor, and the police mistook them for wastepaper. These included all of Ibsen's unprinted contributions to the paper, and so he was spared arrest and a seven-year prison term.

Later in that year, 1851, Ibsen started his own newspaper in which he attacked all the political parties in the Storting (Parliament).

#### New Theatre in Bergen

In November Ibsen got a job as dramatic author at a new theatre in Bergen. The purpose of this theatre was to produce Norwegian plays rather than the Danish plays which were so popular in the theatre in Christiania. Also, the man who ran this theatre was Ole Bull, the famous violinist who was soon to go to America and unsuccessfully try to set up a communistic type of community in Pennsylvania named Oleana. The year

The year after he came to Bergen, 1852, Ibsen travelled to Denmark and Germany where he studied theatre. While on this trip he learned a great deal which he was later able to use in writing his plays. Upon returning to Bergen he became stage director and instructor.

But Ibsen felt closed in there. and he argued a great deal with his boss whom he thought was not allowing enough Norwegian influence in the theatre.

He fell in love with a fifteenyear-old girl, Rikke Holst, but her father refused to let her get engaged before she was confirmed. The father also didn't want her to have anything to do with a poor poet with uncertain prospects. Ibsen continued seeing Rikke in secret, but one day her father discovered them together, and Ibsen took to his heels and fled, never to see her again.

However, in 1856 he met Susannah Thoresen whom he married

#### Theatre with Norwegian Outlook

A new theatre had been established in Christiania which was Norwegian in outlook as opposed to the more established Danish theatre there.

In 1857 Ibsen took a job at this Norwegian theatre as artistic director. When he arrived in Christiania he met Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson, the author of the words to the Norwegian national anthem, "Ja, vi elsker", and probably the greatest literary figure in 19th-century Norway outside of Ibsen. Shortly after this, Bjornson took over Ibsen's old position in Bergen.

Ibsen now tried to make the new theatre more Norwegian, but he soon got bored with his job. He felt he didn't have enough time to write, and he was jealous of Bjørnson who was becoming quite famous.

He tried to get a government travel grant, was refused, and then began to doubt his own abilities. By 1861 he managed, though, to pull himself together. The theatre where he was working was having economic problems and finally went bankrupt, so Ibsen was dismissed in 1862.

#### Travel Grant

Luckily he got a grant from the university to travel around Norway, and from this trip he got a lot of impressions which he was to make special use of in his later plays, especially Peer

To make a little money he wrote articles for various newspapers. He also criticized the Norwegians themselves, whom he felt did nothing to build up genuine national values. To him the Norwegians only glorified the past and did not care at all about doing anything for the present or future.

Though still not set economically, he became literary consultant at the Danish theatre of Christiania in 1863, which had now begun to take Norwegian cultural projects more seriously. Ibsen also applied for an author's salary - a permanent grant which the government paid to artists in order to make them financially independent so they could devote full time to their art. Whereas Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson received one, Ibsen was refused, and bad feelings between Bjørnson and Ibsen resulted because of Ibsen's increased jealousy. Ibsen did, however, get another grant for travel within Norway.

A little later in the year, 1863, though, Ibsen and Bjørnson became reconciled after meeting at a song festival in Bergen.

### Plays and Poems

Ibsen had already written a number of plays and poems. At the beginning of his literary career he had taken the pseudonym Brynjolf Bjarme, but after a few years began using his own name. Several of his early plays had been performed both in Bergen and Christiania, but on

the whole they hadn't been well received. A couple of them had even been whistled off the stage. On the other hand, one of them had been presented in Copenhagen, and so he was beginning to be known in Scandinavia as a

Most of these plays deal with legendary and folktale themes from Norwegian tradition, as well as historical subjects. In 1864, however, Ibsen wrote his last strictly historical play, The Pretenders, which was well received when it was first performed that year in Christiania. It was also evident now that Ibsen was sure of his profession as author.

#### 1864 Crucial

The year 1864 was a very crucial one in Scandinavian his-

Prussia, in Germany, attacked Denmark with superior forces. Many Scandinavians at the time felt that Norway and Sweden, then united under one king, should aid Denmark militarily. A few volunteers did go down to fight, but no official action

was ever taken to help Denmark. Ibsen had now gotten another travel grant, this time to go abroad. He was in Copenhagen while the war was going on, and later in Berlin in time to see the Prussian victory parade. The whole situation sickened Ibsen, not only because of the victory of Prussian militarism, but also because he was so terribly disappointed that Norway hadn't aided her brother country. Perhaps, felt Ibsen, the Norwegians needed a leader to bring them out of what he thought was their complacency and mediocrity. An ideal leader of this type he portrayed in his next drama, Brand, written in Rome in 1865. This was Ibsen's first great success, and as a result of it he finally now received a state author's salary from the Norwegian government.

### Typical Norwegian

But Ibsen decided he had to portray the opposite of the leader character he had created in Brand and show what he regarded as the typical Norwegian.

So in 1867 he wrote Peer Gynt. Ibsen's Peer is based on a character who occurs in a section of Asbjørnsen and Moe's famous collection of folktales where he

is described as a liar and fantasizer. Ibsen's character is this too. He goes through life and a series of adventures both in Norway and in Africa, telling stories and never taking anything seriously. He fritters away his life and never amounts to anything. As Ibsen puts it, he is never himself — he is never able to realize his potential and what was intended for him in life.

Though Peer, as Ibsen's typical Norwegian, is a most sorry individual, Ibsen could not bear to leave him as a completely hopeless case, so at the very end of the play Peer is given some hope of redemption through the love of the sweetheart of his youth.

This work reflects Ibsen's ambivalent feeling toward Norway - his love-hate attitude toward it. In spite of its marvelous portrayal of Norwegian peasant life and folklore, especially in the first act, the drama over the years has come to be recognized

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### Kon Tiki Night **Great Success**

by Alice Stewart

Sons of Norway's Kon Tiki Night, held in the Nordic Room at the Scandinavian Centre on April 15th, was a success in every way.

A Hawaiian atmosphere was achieved in the decorating by Astrid Hope and Deryl Stewart.

Guests were greeted at the door by Eleanor Anderson taking tickets, and Alice Stewart presenting colourful leis. They were then given glasses Hawaiian punch poured by Orla Tychsen and Betty Anderson.

Venoasen. Patricia McBride and Karen Osborne entertained during intermission with a Hawaiian dance.

The adult door-prize, a Thirst-Aid Survival Kit, was won by John Iverson. The junior doorprize was won by Patricia McBride.

The winners of the spot dance were Craig and Sonja Krogen; the elimination dance was won by Al and Elva Weiss.

A raffle on a Texas micky saw Oscar Venoasen carry off the prize.

The Sewing Club served a delicious lunch at midnight hostesses were Eleanor Anderson, Betty Anderson, Orla Tychsen, Astrid Hope and Alice Stewart.

Dancing continued until 1:00 a.m. and everyone enjoyed the evening enormously.

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by Orla Tychsen

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**Bowling and Curling Banquet** at the Red Baron, Meadowlark Shopping Centre.

May 13-Syttende Mai \*\*\*\*

Miss Marina Hope of Richmond, B.C., has been visiting with her parents, John and Astrid Hope, recently.

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The Freeloaders entertained at the Dr. Angus McGuigan Nursing Home on April 25th.

Miss Jennifer Christensen was chosen Sons of Norway Queen and will be crowned at the May 13th Syttende Mai Banquet.

Several families have taken up new residences-

Sig and Selma Sorenson have moved to a condominium at 702, 9923 - 103 Street, T5K 2J3.

Knut and Rose Svidal also have a new address-191 Wolf Willow Crescent.

And Kalmar and Maisie Amdam are now residents of Barrhead.

Best wishes to all!

Congratulations to Susan Clark who became the bride of Paul Telford on April 15th.

Wedding ceremonies took place at Kirk United Church followed by a reception at the St. Albert Inn.

\*\*\*\* Sympathies are extended to Don Lagergren and family, and Irene and Lavern Sorgarrd on the passing of their mother and grandmother, Ingrid, at Hythe, Alberta.

Ingrid was a member of Solglyt for many years until she moved to Pioneer Lodge at Hythe.

She passed away on April 15th at the age of 75 years.

Sig Sorenson, Bernie and Alf Olofson, flew to Grande Prairie to attend the funeral.

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Iver and Martha Venoasen have had Clarissa Saether of Norway and Julie Durham of Minot, North Dakota, visiting them for a week.

Summer is Here!

It is just about time for you to make an application for the Summer Language Camp.

This year the Camp will be held at Mulhurst Bible Camp at Pigeon Lake from August 20 to 27 inclusive. Betty Broen will again be the Camp Supervisor.

Torske Klubben will again be the sponsoring body - Calgary will participate.

Those interested in attending should contact Betty Broen -466-8461 — for applications and further particulars.

Syttende Mai-

There will be a sit-down banquet and dance at the Scandinavian Centre celebrating Syttende Mai at which the new Sons of Norway Queen will be crowned.

You will be contacted - be ready with a positive answer that you will attend!

For ticket information phone Gary Johnson, President, at 484-1639, or your new Social Director, Alice Stewart, at

This year there will be a flagraising ceremony on Wednesday, May 17th at 11:30 a.m. at City Hall.

Be at City Hall at 11:00 a.m. to meet other members of the Lodge!

Let's get some additional interest! Be present in costume for the reading of the Proclamation and our flag-raising ceremony. Let's make it a notable

\*\*\*\* Apologies again - in the Win-

ter Sports, Extravaganza last month the picture captioned "Gilbert Huber, Sports Director, Grande Prairie" was actually Andy Haugen, Grande Prairie District 4 Convention Chairman.

\*\*\*\* Congratulations, Jennifer, on becoming our new Sons of Norway Queen!

Jennifer Kristensen years old - Grandmother is Norwegian. She is taking Grade XII at Concordia College and her ambition is to become a lawyer.

Her hobbies are sewing, reading and tennis.

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Next month's reporter will be Doreen Melsness - 435-5615.

### Cultural Corner

by Astrid Hope **Cultural Director** 

On March 19th the Sons of Norway honoured Norway's foremost poet and playwright, Henrik Ibsen, on his 150th anniversary.

The occasion commenced with a pot-luck supper open to all Scandinavian groups.

During the supper Crystal Fleuty entertained, singing (as only she can do) "Solveig Song" and as an encore "Send in the Clowns". She was accompanied at the piano by her daughter, Crystal Fleuty Jr.

Professor Chris Hale gave a most interesting and informative talk on The Life and Works of Henrik Ibsen. He emphasized several times the foremost theme in most of Ibsen's works 'know thyself' - causing a great deal of controversy in his day. .

Cynthia Berg, Sons of Norway Queen, gave a fine presentation of the last portion of ADoll's House, finishing in a humorous manner which wasn't really the intent of the writer. Cynthia performed the parts of both Hilmer and his wife.

The always-enjoyable 'Free-Loaders' provided the music for the evening.

And then the climax - the music stopped short as Cynthia wheeled in a cake made brilliant by 150 burning candles - then resumed with 'Happy Anniversary Song'. It was a memorable sight. Dorothy Sundby was the artist who prepared the beauti-

An interesting coincidence was the presence of Dr. Norman Ibsen and his wife. Although it hasn't been definitely confirmed, it appears that Dr. Ibsen's grandfather was a brother of Henrik

As history has it, one of Henrik's brothers moved to Lancashire, England, and it is almost established that Dr. Ibsen's family are descendants of

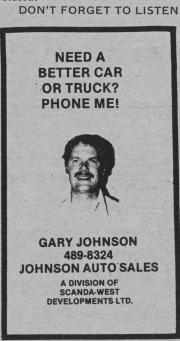
Another coincidence - Norman writes poetry also.

Attendance was disappointing, but we were happy to have a number of Icelandic Society members with us.

Dr. Hale's presentation and display, which included a number of original copies of Ibsen's plays, and even coins which were in circulation in his day,

was interesting and enjoyable. Astrid Hope had pamphlets, etc., available covering Ibsen plays that have been performed in Edmonton.

The interview of the Norwegians on Access radio program "Ethnic Interface" on CKUA will be May 7th at 7:30 p.m. not 5:30 p.m. as previously



### Selling **Alberta**

by Bob Burt

At the supper meeting on April 4th, 38 members of Torske Klubben, staunch and true, met to enjoy akavit and torske, jokes and fellowship.

Following the introduction of guest speakers, Mrs. Sieglinde O'Connell and Travel Counselor, Karen Swortzenberger, of Alberta Business Development and Tourism, wowed the gathering with their confidence, knowledge, and belief in Alberta the product they were selling.

Mrs. O'Connell showed film strips of the many travel points of interest, and then explained how gold, silver and bronze medallions might be obtained.

Stamps can be earned ('Stamp Around Alberta') over the next three years visiting the 14 zoned area. Six stamps win the bronze; four additional the silver; and a further four, the gold.

The ladies presented each member with an Alberta pin and an envelope containing maps, pictures, information, dates of events and hote accommoda-

They were thanked for their presentation and hand-outs.

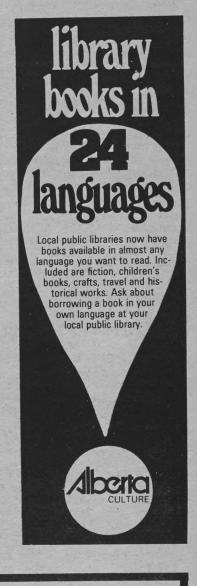
The next meeting of the Club will be May 2nd when members will learn what the month of May means to a Norwegian.

Be sure to attend and enjoy the good fellowship.

The Income Tax Auditor was checking up on Ole. "We have some question about your tax return, Mr. Olson.

'Like what?" asked Ole

"Well, let's begin with this part where you claim depreciation on your wife."



### Club Viking

Planning for Fall

#### Club Viking is greatly encouraged by the interest shown in the Coffee and Crafts afternoon held in April — as a result we are in the process of planning a number of exciting fall programs which will include craft classes as well as both gourmet and bachelor cooking. As plans progress details will

be published in this paper watch for them!

### Langugage Classes

Plans are also underway to candinavian language classes next fall - it would greatly assist us if you would indicate your particular language interest on the form below and return it to us as soon as possible.

More details in this regard will also appear in the paper as programs are finalized.

### Games Night

We hope to have a large turnout of members and guests at Games Night on May 19th the evening will be a lot of fun for everyone.

### Mother's Day

Mother's Day Dinner is our next project, of course — and we know that every mother who attends will have a day she'll remember.

### Scandinavian Language Classes Will Be Offered In The Fall Sponsored By Club Viking

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### DANIA DOINGS

by Lili Nielsen

As we have now concluded all functions for the winter season, there is very little for us to write about.

Our next dance will be our Annual Klondike Party in Julywe will have more information on this in the June and July issues of the paper.

As of today, April 13th, the Scandinavian Centre News has not been distributed, and as I am unaware whether it will be out or not, I will once again inform you of the Boys' Band Vejen, Denmark.

The following is a duplicate of what I had forwarded to the paper last month, so if you do receive the paper, don't think it's a mistake — it is just so that we are sure that you will all know about them and possibly help us accommodate the boys.

I would like to have all the homes lined up by the middle of June as I will be away on vacation as of June 25th.

VEJEN GARDEN - a 72member boys' band from Denmark .....

We are now able to confirm that the above band is coming to Edmonton during the month of July this year.

The band will be in Edmonton from July 18th to 24th.

During their stay in Edmonton we will be looking for 'parents' for the boys, and we are appealing to members of the Danish Society to open their homes to one, two, or more, boys. They range in age from 9 to 20 years. Some are Englishspeaking, but most speak Danish only.

There are certain requirements that the 'parents' must be able to meet in order for the



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Edmonton program to function properly:

- 1. We have requested VEJEN to give us an indication of the individual boy's preference -'English-speaking only' home, or a home where at least one of the partners is Danish-speaking. If at all possible selection of homes will be made in accordance with the boys' wishes.
- The band's visit to Edmonton is for the specific purpose of participating in the Edmonton Klondike Parade and to generally be at the disposal of the Klondike Association during the six-day stay in Edmonton. For this reason 'parents' must be able to deliver the boy(s) on a day-today basis to a central downtown location at a given time and again pick up the boy(s) later on the same day or
- 3. It would be desirable (but not necessary) if 'parents' could accommodate at least 2 boys. It would make it a lot easier for the organizers from a communication point of view.

Interested members please call Lili Nielsen at 435-5655 after 5:00 p.m.

These boys will also be in Calgary during Stampede week, and it is our hope that we will be able to extend the same kind of hospitality that we are certain they will receive from our friends down south.

So let's get together and make this project a success. So far we are able to accommodate only 26 of the 72 boys.

I am sure you all remember 'Dania Doings' for the month of March as a blank column, which in my opinion showed an unsurpassed sense of humour on the part of the editor. I had a telephone conversation with someone from the paper two days before the 15th at which time I indicated that if Dania had anything to go in the paper I would have it in their hands by the 15th. However, one of our members did not like to see the empty column and forwarded

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Scandinavian Centre News the following information to me asking that it be published:

Niels and Tillie Poulsen motored to Minot, North Dakota, to spend Easter with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tobertson.

On their way back they spent some time in Saskatoon, Duck Lake and Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, visiting friends and relatives.

If you have any items you would like to have published in the paper, please have them in my hands no later than the 13th of each month, as I must have my write-up at the Centre no later than the 15th of the month.

Bikuben Draw - April 15th 1st Mrs. Birthe Mortensen Ticket No. 349 2nd Mr. Soren Thuesen Ticket No. 351

### Finland's **Summer Festivals**

If you are planning a vacation in Finland between June and September this year, you will find the country alive with music and dance.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Finland Summer Festivals, and ten separate cultural festivals will be presented in as many different locales. They were developed a decade ago as a means of introducing foreign visitors to the country and its people, and then familiarizing them with the achievements and accomplishments of the Finnish people.

The unique chain of 800 artistic happenings is broad in scope, ranging in entertainment programs that feature grand opera, chamber music, folk, rock and jazz to ballet, ballroom and folk dancing, from theatrical and TV productions to art exhibits and seminars on world topics.

Single performers and groups are comprised of Finnish artists as well as those with international reputations from other countries including the U.S. There are special programs for children featuring puppet shows, art exhibits, concerts and films.

A great number of the admissions are free. Tickets otherwise run from \$2.50 to \$10.00, the latter for prime seats at grand opera performances and for the jazz concerts presented in nightclubs where dinner is also included.

As in previous years, Finnair's special Holiday Ticket will be available for tourists. For \$135 the domestic air ticket permits unlimited plane travel in Finland provided it is done within a 15day period. This accommodation permits visitors to attend more than one festival and at the same time become acquainted with the varying topography of the country.

tion in sunny Finland (during summer there are almost 24 hours of daylight) will give one an exhilarating vacation.

experiencing its lively nightlife, taking advantage of fantastic buys in furs, gold and silver jewellery (costume and genuine) textiles, the famous rya rugs, ceramics, etc., there are any number of brief or extended boat tours on many of the country's 62,000 lakes to help relax the traveler. Not to mention the opportunity to fish for perch, trout and salmon, sail and swim in the blue waters of the lakes or the Gulf of Finland before capping the holiday as a spectator at a festival of one's choice.



### Scandinavian Kitchen Corner

BIKSEMAD (Danish Hash)

You Will Need-

2 cups leftover beef roast cut in cubes

1 large onion

1 lb. boiled potatoes (about 6 large)

1 egg for each person salt and pepper to taste

Brown the meat in butter in a frying pan. Take out and place in a dish.

Slice the onions finely, brown them in the same pan, adding more butter if needed. Remove from the pan.

Dice the potatoes and brown them in more butter. Return meat and onions to the pan and heat well. Season with salt and pepper.

Serve garnished with a fried egg on top of each serving.

#### **FYLDT SVINEMORBRAD** (Mock Duck)

You Will Need-

2 pork tenderloins

5 prunes

2 apples

2 tbsp. butter salt and pepper

1 cup sour cream 1 cup coffee cream

Cut tenderloins half through lengthwise. Open and pound flat. Cut apples in small pieces;

cover one tenderloin. Remove stones from prunes

and put over apples. Add butter, salt and pepper. Cover all with the second tender-

loin, roll and tie. Fry in butter until brown. Add a little water, sour cream

> RULLUPYLSA (Icelandic)

and coffee cream. Simmer slow-

You Will Need-

ly for one hour.

1 lamb flank (boned)

2 tbsp. brown sugar

2 tbsp. salt

1/4 tsp. saltpetre

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1/2 tsp. cloves 1 tsp. allspice

1/2 tsp. pepper 1 Large onion chopped fine

Ask your butcher to bone the meat but leave it in one piece.

Lay this piece flat on the table with boned side up.

Mix the salt, saltpetre, cloves, allspice and pepper and spread over the flank. (Saltpetre is necessary to make the meat turn pink in colour; otherwise it will turn brown.)

Chop onion and sprinkle over flank.

Then roll flank as you would a jelly roll. Sew up both ends and the loose edge with a needle and thread. Wind string tightly all over the roll and salt the outside. Roll in wax paper.

Set in refrigerator and leave for 3 to 7 days (not less than 3). The spices must work through.

At the end of that time place in cooking pot and cover with water. Bring to a boil and then turn down and simmer for 11/2 hours. Remove and cool.

Place between two surfaces with a weight on top. Leave overnight.

Remove string and slice.

SWEDISH MEATBALLS You Will Need-

1/2 lb. ground beef

1/2 lb. ground veal

(or 11/2 lb. ground beef)

1/2 lb. ground pork

2 medium onions,

chopped fine

1/4 cup fine dry bread crumbs

2 eggs

2-3 tsp. salt

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1/2 tsp. black or white pepper

11/2 - 2 cups milk

Butter or oil

Fry onions in fat until golden. Soak bread crumbs in milk.

Add meat, eggs, fried onions, salt and pepper, and mix until smooth.

Roll into one inch balls and fry in butter or oil until evenly brown. Shake pan constantly to keep balls round.

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### ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

by Shirley Sigurdson

President Barney Thorlakson informs me that the June flight to Iceland has been cancelled, but that the August one is still

For more information phone him at 487-1506.

Al and Martha Arnason made an Easter trip to Vancouver where they visited Margaret and Elroy Robertson and Lil Sumarlidason, all of whom sent their regards to old friends here.

The Saga Singers' 10th Anniversary party was a very pleasant occasion.

Most present, and some past, members were there, including Jo Couves from St. Johns, New-

Greetings were received from: Mrs. Thora Orr, Mrs. Lillian Sumarlidason, Mrs. Thora Howell, Mrs. Doreen Joachim, Marino and Phyllis Kristjanson, Todie Halldorson and Marilyn Bell.

We had a lovely meal and afterwards watched slides taken by Thora Howell when she was a choir member, thanks to the Mitchells. These brought back fond memories and many a

We looked at a scrap book compiled by Ninna Campbell, Freda Smith, June Parker, Shirley Thorvaldson and Lucille Oddson. Ninna read a poem she had composed for the occasion and several other choir members spoke about their experiences and memories of the choir.

Lucille made presentations-

a prize to Gus Roland for the best practice attendance: to Jo Couves for coming the farthest distance; and a gift of appreciation to Della Roland without whom the Saga Singers would likely not have existed.

Weekend guests in the Arnason home recently were Al's sister, Jean Arnason, and Mr. and Mrs. Geir Gunnarson and family, all of Calgary.

The film "They Shouldn't Call Iceland Iceland" was very enjoyable. Thank you, executive, for getting it for us.

We are very sorry to hear of the passing of Miss Olive Goodman, long a staunch member of the Society.

Steve and Betty Sigurdson of Riverton, Manitoba, dropped by recently to inspect their newest grandson, Ryan.

PINNISH SOCIETY

by Anja Sahuri

The annual fishing derby of the Finnish Society of Edmonton was held on April 2nd at Lac Ste. Anne.

The winners of the ladies' group were: 1st-Sirkka Nahkuri; 2nd-Sirkka Ristola; 3rd-Anja Sahuri.

Winners of the men's group were: 1st-Arvo Ruuth (who won first prize for the third time and therefore claimed the trophy for his own); 2nd-Urho Leino; 3rd-Seppo Pesonen.

Children did not take part in the competition; the only child present was 6-month-old Timo Pesonen.

Congratulations to the winners! The trophies will be presented at the Vappu Dance.

Belated congratulations and best wishes to John and Irene Luopa, who celebrated their

A surprise housewarming party was held in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Pieniniemi who have made their home in Ed-

25th wedding anniversary re-

monton.

Best wishes to the whole family in your new home!

The Finnish Society executive decided to liven up the life within the Society by arranging to have a Wednesday night "Humppa-ilta". They felt that everyone would appreciate the mid-week outing. Well, they were wrong! For the present the "Humppa-ilta" has been postponed until further notice.

The National Film Theatre of Edmonton and the Citadel Theatre presented some contemporary feature films from Finland.

Four films - Valkoinen Peura, Antti Puuhaara, Pyha Perhe, and Maa on Syntinen Laulu were shown.

I just have to agree with other viewers of the film that after seeing "Maa on Syntinen Laulu" one has to sadly admit that the makers of this film have reached the disgusting alltime low and have disgraced the movie industry.

### Glacier, Geysers and Volcanoes

Think you've travelled just about everywhere and seen it all? Not if you haven't made it to Iceland!

Dances are you've overlooked this fascinating country only because you know little or nothing about her. But if there's adventure in your soul, a love of nature in your heart, and a camera in your possession, then 1978 is the year to think of a holiday in this spectacularly scenic, still-not-overrun-by-tourist land

### Unconventional Playgrounds-

Contrary to what her name might imply, Iceland is not iceland. She is idyllic for yearround vacationing, especially for those who seek unconventional holiday playgrounds.

Winters are often milder than our own, and on any day you can walk through snow in your bathing suit from your hotel, in brisk fresh air, and plunge into an outdoor pool, geo-thermally heated, to luxuriate in a singular experience.

In summer, sunny and balmy, get ready to hike, camp outdoors if you wish, swim, fish for trout and salmon the size you dream about, inhale unpolluted air on a trek over moss-covered fields; trudge on lava-covered plains or meander up the side of a mountain astride the country's distinctively handsome and gentle shaggy-maned ponies. Climb

a glacier if you like. Should you by chance be a rock or stone collector, be prepared to be laden down with geological treasures you'll find here.

Most of all, be ready to enjoy a vacation different from others you've taken and one that will send you back home feeling 'like a million' health-wise and exuberant with happy memories.

#### Sharp Contrasts-

It is Iceland's geological formation, an enticing study in contrasts of volcanic mountains, roaring waterfalls, high plateaus, deep lush green valleys, geysers whose waters leap high in the sky, majestic ice and snow-capped glaciers, that is her major attraction. The country offers a landscape of sharp contrast that is soothing, exhilarating and inspirational. For camera buffs she is a paradise of changing forms to record indelibly on film .

### Base at Reykjavik-

It will be Reykjavik, the bustling and cosmopolitan capital of Iceland you'll use as the base from which to fan out and explore the country.

Though Iceland was settled 1100 years ago by a mixed stock of Scandinavians and Celts from the British Isles, you will be in a land of total literacy with people who speak English and who are accustomed to welcoming and entertaining foreign visitors.

#### Cultural Fare-

Should you be able to get away for your vacation in early spring you'll run into the Reykjavik Arts Festival - a series of cultural events held between June 3 and 16. It's been a biannual presentation since 1970 and is a potpourri of pop, rock and jazz, as well as symphonic concerts and programs of folkdancing and ballet.

Art exhibits and theatrical performances - movies too - are part of the cultural fare. What's more, the performing artists are of international stature, intermingled with Icelandic talent.

You'll have an extra bonus this year with such illustrious names as dancer Michael Baryshnikov, Metropolitan Opera star Elisabeth Soderstrom, cellist Rostroprovich, Soviet-born pianist Ashkenazy who turned Icelandic citizen. Jazz pianist Oscar Peterson and violinist Isaac Perlman and cellist, Lynn Harrel will represent the North-American contingent. Music lovers will strike a bonanza in this year's musical line-up. Admissions to some events are free: others are from \$2.00 - \$10.00 for seats.

### Rent-a-Dog

Nowadays tourists can rent just about anything in a foreign country - cars, boats, rickshaws, geisha girls, tour guides, villas. The list is endless

In keeping with this trend, Scandinavian Airlines has introduced Rent-A-Dog for its passengers arriving at Sondre Stromfjord, Greenland, from Copenhagen. Actually, tourists don't rent just one dog, but a whole team of huskies with sled and

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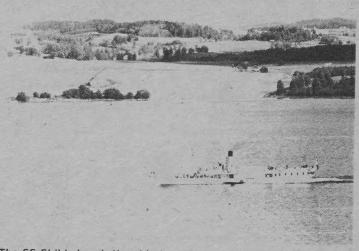
### MISS OLIVE GOODMAN

On April 14th Miss Olive Goodman of Edmonton passed away, age 79 years.

She is survived by nieces Mrs. Blanche Williams of Vancouver, B.C., and Mrs. Norma Kovor of Morristown, New Jersey, U.S.A., and by nephew Mr. Ronald Johnson of Vancouver, B.C.

Funeral services were held on Monday, April 17th, from Howard and McBride's Chapel with Pastor Carl Wolski officiating. Interment was in Westlawn Memorial Park.

Olive was a long-time member of the Icelandic Society, always interested and active in its affairs. She was Fjallkona in 1969.



The SS Skibladner is the oldest paddle steamer in the world, built in 1856, and still in service on lake Mjøsa, largest lake in Norway. She sails between Eidsvoll and Lillehammer during the tourist season. (Photo from Norwegian National Tourist Office.)

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Normally, travel Greenland is by scheduled heliconter and steamer services from now until the snow meltsa date that could range from the end of April to maybe nevertourists can travel Greenland's

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longest road, which is 15 kilometres long, by dog sled.

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The "Open-Air Museum Tour" starts in Copenhagen — Denmark's historical and cultural centre. Travellers will want to allow some time to experience this colourful city and to whet their appetites by visiting some of the fine art museums and craft shops. From there one leaves contemporary Denmark behind and slips deep into the

past.

Lyngby-

The first stop by car is Lyngby, site of a first-class restoration of Danish farm life as it was 300 years ago. There are authentic farmhouses and barns of the lush Funen region - fully furnished with characteristic bureaus and chests. There are also farmhouses transported from Jutland's rugged western coast with their fascinating roofs sloping straight to the ground which provided protection from the strong western wind for both the men and the beasts who shared the shelter during the winter.

Here visitors can revel in bygone Danish culture — with performances of folk dances and peasant festivities.

Aera-

From Lyngby, the tour leads one to Aerø to visit one of Denmark's national landmarks — Aerqskøbing. Following a night at a historic old inn, the tour suggests a walk through the town — where one can recapture the charming old-fashioned and serene lifestyle. After a visit to a unique museum housing the largest collection of bottled ships in the world, it's on to Ribe — where modern life flourishes in

a centuries-old town.

Ribe-

Not to be missed are the venerable old monastery, one of the most spectacular in Europe, and the historic 1,000-year-old cathedral. The plan calls for spending the night at the Dagmar Hotel, offering modern facilities combined with the old-world charm of the hotel and the ancient city surrounding it. And before leaving, it's worthwhile to have a drink at the 300-year-old cafe "Weiss Stue":

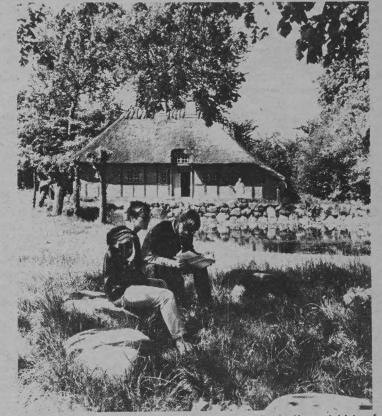
Aarhus-

From Ribe, the road leads to Aarhus, Denmark's second-largest city with its outstanding "Old Town" Open-Air Museum, the development of a city and its life through the centuries.

Restorations include the old bakery, the pharmacy and the mayor's house. The city itself is also the home of many of Denmark's cultural institutions and

Hjerl Hede (Heath)-

After a leisurely day and night in Aarhus, the tour brings one to Hjerl Hede. A unique attraction, it is a 2,000-acre preserve of Danish heath land as it was before the Danish govern-



Denmark's lovely Open-Air Museum at Lyngby in the outskirts of Copenhagen featuring old farmhouses and other rural houses, all fully furnished and equipped with original old household pieces.

ment successfully converted most of this barren rocky land into productive farmland. Nestled among the acres of heather are some of the most striking treasures of Danish rural culture, all brought here and reconstructed as they appeared years ago.

Travellers will be charmed with the Winkle farm, white-washed and crisp with its spinning wheel, sleeping alcoves and farm equipment.

The Hede's other attractions make it a history book come to life. Starting with a Stone Age dwelling from 3,000 B.C., there are examples of Danish culture of almost every era ... a Romanesque church from the 12th century, an old forge and water mill from the 18th century, an 1823 village school and an 1878

Each July the Hjerl Hede springs to life with young Danish students who come to recreate civilization as it was years ago.

For museum lovers and history lovers, the Open-Air Museum Tour is an unmatched way

of seeing Denmark.

Ole and Lena were on their first plane trip. At each stop on their flight across the country the plane would land, taxi to the terminal gate, and the red fuel truck would drive up to refuel the plane.

At Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg—each time the plane taxied to the gate a red fuel truck would pull up beside it.

As Ole and Lena landed in Edmonton, Lena leaned back in her seat and sighed, "Imagine that, Ole, we just soared across the country at 600 miles an hour.

"Ya," said Ole, "that's really something—and you know, that little red truck didn't do too bad either!"

### International Marathon in Finland

An International Marathon named the *Finlandia*, open to men and women runners in North America, as well as in Europe, will be held in Finland.

It is scheduled to take place on Sunday, May 21st, of this year in Jyvaskyla, in the central part of the country.

The race was organized and is being sponsored by the Jyvaskyla Track and Field Association, the Central Sports Federation of Finland, and Finnair, the nation's

Long-distance running is traditional in this Scandinavian country, and many of the world's great record-holders have emerged from here, among them the 'Flying Finn' — the late Paavo Nurmi — Ville Ritola, and more recently Lasse Viren and Pekka Paivarinta.

The course for the race will cover the standard 26 miles and 385 yards as the 'Finlandia Marathon' takes runners over challenging terrain.

Anyone can enter the competition. Even joggers are welcome. Plans include inviting the three top winners of the 1977 New York Marathon to enter the race. For those runners who wish, they can run half instead of the full marathon.

Every participant will receive a commemorative medal and an official T-shirt. Ten prizes will be given to the best men and women in 10 different categories. The top Finnish runners in both men's and women's full marathon will be awarded a free trip to New York City Marathon next fall, and the 1978 winners in the New York Marathon will trayel free to the 1979 Finlandia Marathon.

A deposit of \$100 and Marathon registration fee of \$15 are required with reservation for the trip, with full payment due 30 days before departure. The only document necessary is a valid passport. No visas or vaccinations are needed.

To accommodate entries, Finnair has developed an 8-day package tour for interested contenders. Runners will leave JFK Airport in New York on Sunday, May 14, arriving in Helsinki at noon next day; they will be transported to the modern Inter-Continental Hotel, with the day and the evening free.

On May 16 after breakfast there is a sightseeing tour of Helsinki; then to Kaivopuisto Park for a training run. In the evening a sauna is on the agenda with representatives of the Finnish Central Sports Federation.

The fourth day, after breakfast there is a visit to Suomenlinna, an island fortress rich in history. After lunch it's back to the hotel, and in the late afternoon to Otaniemi Tech Town for a training run back to the hotel—a long run.

The following morning after breakfast there is a visit to the Sports Federation Building and inspection of the international ice hockey and swimming facilities. A tour of the Olympic Stadium where the 1972 games were held, and its tower which offers a grand view of Helsinki. The balance of the day will be free for training on the running paths near the Stadium.

On Friday, May 19, after breakfast, the group transfers to the airport for the flight to Jyvaskyla. There runners are

taken to the plush Laajavuori Hotel, then to the harbour for a scenic boat cruise on Lake Paijanne. In the evening there will be lectures and seminars on training in general and talks on the sauna during training. These will be conducted by the Chief of Training of the Central Sports Federation, and others.

The following morning is free for training or relaxing. Midafternoon will bring lectures on medicine and nourishment in training; the evening is free.

The marathon begins at noon on Sunday. After breakfast competitors prepare for the race. In the evening there is a dinner party at which awards will be presented.

After breakfast on Monday, May 22, runners will fly back to Helsinki, then to New York.

The total cost of the tour is about \$900. The package includes all international flights, transportation, sightseeing, room with twin beds and bath, breakfasts in Helsinki, breakfasts and dinners in Jyvaskyla, marathon registration and banquet, lectures seminars, tips and taxes.

For further details, marathon application and reservations contact Finland National Tourist Office, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10019.



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### At Home in Canada

Don't let those ice hockey battles fool you. Swedes love that nation! By Robert Skole. Drawings by Göran Lindgren.

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The following is a reprint of an article which appeared in 'SWEDEN NOW', No. 5 issue of 1977. It was written by Robert Skole and the drawing is by Goran Lindgren.

Not far from the Sala Machine Works, in the Toronto suburban community of Mississauga, is Sandvik Canadian Ltd., one of the Swedish pioneers in Canada. Sandvik's first sales in Canada have been traced back to the 1880's when saws were imported for use in Quebec forests. The company founded its own subsidiary in 1926-and today it has a total of 320 employees. with plants, warehouses and sales offices 'coast to coast', which in Canada is a lot of territory. (Few non-Canadians realize that it takes 7 hours to fly non-stop from Halifax to Vancouver!)

"In spite of the tremendous competition we are greatly optimistic about our future in Canada," says Kjell Renström, president of Sandvik Canadian. The confidence in the future is indicated by the opening of the large headquarters offices, warehouse and manufacturing unit in Mississauga this year. Previously the headquarters had been in Montreal, where the company has a large tungsten carbide sintering plant. The move of the headquarters to Ontario was made to meet expansion in that area, and to be closer to important industrial and power customers.

Renström has been with Sandvik 19 years in Canada, and has been president since 1962. He has seen great expansion, with new plants and offices established in Montreal, Toronto, Van-

is processed here in one form or another," he says. A major product, as is the parent company's, is cemented carbide. Mixed powder is imported from Sweden and sintered into bits and parts in the Canadian plants. The Canadian company also exports special products to other Sand-

couver, Winnipeg and Edmonton.

"About 80% of what we sell

special products to other Sandvik companies throughout the world, with one Canadian-developed specialty being a 'Conbit', which is a conical drill bit for the mining industry.

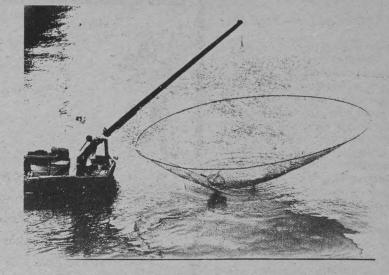
Stainless pipes are another specialty, but here Sandvik is facing tough competition from Japan. (Renstrom, like Atlas Copco's Hedlund, is an 'old Japan hand', having worked there from 1949 to 1956 and helping to launch the Sandvik company there in 1961.)

A major 'expansion' of Sandvik in Canada came recently through the Swedish parent company's acquisition of the Diston Corp. of the U.S., which in turn has a subsidiary in Canada. This company, making home garden tools and equipment, has 300 employees. It operates independently of Sandvik Canadian, but in the future there will be combined marketing efforts with Sandvik hand saws.

Renström, reviewing his company's 50-year history and development last year, said: "We shall no doubt again see periods of boom, recession and, perhaps depression. We do not expect that tomorrow's problems will be easier to solve than today's, but with careful planning, hard work and determination we shall be able to look forward to a bright future."

Much of his optimism is based on the company's history of technological innovation. With Canadian mining and power expanding, there is a good future for Sandvik rock drills, steam generator tubing and zircaloy tubing for nuclear tuel. Plus, of course, saws for the forest industry, where it all began almost 100 years ago.

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Stockholm a la carte — a city with water so clean that one can swim and fish right in the center of the city, as seen in this picture of the chef catching the special of the day right in front of his restaurant.

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as having a universal application. Not only have Norwegians come to regard him, Peer, as being typically Norwegian, many other nations have come to feel that he represents them as well. Even in Japan, for example, he is felt to be typically Japanese.

The play was very popular and got a good deal of praise everywhere. However, in Norway there was some unfavourable criticism which Ibsen believed Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson was behind, and so again a break occurred between them.

Next Play Written in Germany

In May, 1868, Ibsen moved to Dresden, Germany, and there wrote his next play, *The League of Youth*. He had now become a respected person.

In 1869 he was invited to Stockholm as a delegate to an orthographic conference, the purpose of which was to agree on a unified spelling for Norwegian, Swedish and Danish (it failed in this, however). During the same year he was also invited to attend the opening ceremonies of the Suez Canal in Egypt. The year after he was hailed in Copenhagen for his dramas. Furthermore, he began receiving medals from various nations, including even Turkey, but it was to be a few years before Norway finally officially recognized her native son by awarding him the Order of St. Olav. This occurred in 1873.

Franco-Prussian War

1870 was the year of the Franco-Prussian War in which Prussia defeated France, and in the aftermath Germany was unified. Again Ibsen felt a repugnance toward Prussian militar-

ism, and the resulting stifling of human liberty.

Between 1871 and 1873 he wrote *Caesar and Galileans*, a rather ponderous and lengthy play which is little read today, but which Ibsen always considered his best work.

He was best known at this time in Germany, outside of Scandinavia. In July, 1874, he returned to Norway but couldn't take it for very long, especially after he got involved briefly in politics and resulting bickering between the right and the left in Norway trying to get his support. He therefore left after 2½ months.

Now he moved to Munich.

Supporter of Georg Brandes

During the early 1870's a Danish literary critic by the name of Georg Brandes held a series of lectures in Copenhagen. In these lectures, Brandes maintained that literature, rather than merely existing as an end in itself, should deal with current social issues, or, as he put it, "take up problems for debate".

This idea took hold, and Ibsen came under the influence of this movement and became a supporter of Brandes. In 1877 Ibsen wrote his first drama in which he dealt with social questions, *Pillars of Society*.

He left then for Rome in 1878, and by 1880 he had made his permanent residence there.

A Doll's House

A Doll's House was published in 1879, and it too dealt in part with problems in society.

The leading character in the play, Nora, is dominated by her husband and restricted by society's code of ethics. Earlier in their marriage Nora had forged her father's name to a promissory note in order to borrow money for a trip to Italy which her husband desperately needed in order to recover from a serious illness he had contracted.

She did this only out of love for her husband, and so feels that she has committed no crime. However, she has kept it

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When the secret is revealed to Nora's husband, he reacts in a very egotistical way, and it dawns on Nora that they have no real marriage. Accordingly she packs her bags and leaves the house and her family for good.

Again in this play Ibsen's maxim of "Be yourself!" is echoed. Nora must leave if she is ever to be free to be able to realize herself.

However, the play is not strictly one concerned with women's lib, for Nora's husband must also be separated Nora in order to be free to be bimself. Society's standards and rules very often prohibit people from achieving this all-important self-realization.

The play was criticized and misunderstood in part when it came out. In Germany one of the leading actresses who played Nora refused to perform the last scene because she herself would not leave her own children as Nora did, and Ibsen was forced to revise the scene to accommodate her. However, it was not long before it was realized that if Nora stayed, the whole intent of the play would be ruined. Furthermore, the universal application of the play was soon understood.

#### Ghosts Written in Sorrento

With Ghosts, written in Sorrento, Italy, in 1881, Ibsen continued his social dramas and the theme "Be yourself!". Here the relationship between a mother and her son, who had inherited syphilis from his father, is dealt

To bring up the subject of a venereal disease on the stage was exceedingly shocking to the 19th -century public, and the play was roundly condemned.

However, people again misunderstood Ibsen and the real message in Ghosts, because the essential theme was the mother's struggle within herself to be free from the past so that she could have a chance to be herself.

The first time anyone dared to perform the play was in 1882 in Chicago, before an audience of Scandinavian immigrants.

### Ibsen Furious

Ibsen was furious with the reception Ghosts received and by the fact that it was so grossly misunderstood.

In order to vent his fury he wrote Enemy of the People in 1882, dealing with a misunderstood and eventually persecuted reformer who nevertheless, in spite of everything, stands his ground in the face of society's casting of stones. It was his last real social drama.

In 1884 came The Wild Duck. The main theme here is that people are basically too wretched and miserable to look truth in the eyes. It was not understood when published, and only gradually became accepted.

### Returns to Norway

After twenty years he met Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson again in the Tyrol, who persuaded him to return to Norway. Ibsen agreed and came back in June, 1885.

Again he got involved in politics, couldn't take it, and finally left for Munich in October, where he lived for several more years.

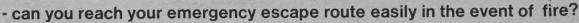
Between the years 1886 and 1888 two further plays came out - Rosmersholm and The Lady from the Sea.

### Spent Summers in the Tyrol

In Gossensass, in the Tyrol, where he liked to spend his summers, in 1889 he met an 18-year -old girl, Emilie Bardach, whom he seems to have fallen in love

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continued to correspond with each other, but Ibsen eventually broke off the relationship. He did model a couple of characters in his plays after her, though.

### Masterwork of a Portrait

1890 was the year of Ibsen's masterwork of a portrait of the stately and beautiful Hedda Gabler in the drama of the same name. Though Hedda is considered the best match for any man in town, she is bored with life, yet too fearful actually to want to get involved in it. In the end she commits suicide.

### Returns to Stay

Ibsen's fame was still greatest

with. After that summer they in Germany, outside of Scandinavia, and he was not yet so popular in France and England. Finally in 1891 he returned to Christiania for good. The reason for doing this was, perhaps, that he felt homesick now that he was getting older.

In Christiania he led a wellordered life according to a strict schedule which included daily walks down the main street of Carl Johan and refreshments at a special table reserved for him at the Grand Hotel. He managed to be a friend of the various political factions and so avoid the conflicts he had been involved in previously. He had become accepted in Norway now, and festival productions of his plays were held.

### Last Plays

His last plays, Master Builder in 1892, Little Eyjolf in 1894, John Gabriel Borkman in 1896, and When We Dead Awaken in 1899, all deal with the question of old age. They were little understood by Ibsen's contemporaries, however. On his 70th birthday in 1898 Ibsen was widely feted. He did live to see the gaining of Norway's independence in 1905, and died on May 23, 1906.

### Most Famous Dramatist

Ibsen has become one of the

most famous dramatists of all

His plays have been continually published in many languages throughout the years, and performed on the stage all over the

Here in Edmonton there have recently been productions of Enemy of the People and A Doll's House, for example, and Hedda Gabler has been seen on Canadian television in recent months.

The universality of his dramas has long been recognized, and because of that they speak to all persons of all times and promise never to grow old.

## News from Ansgar

Annual Spring Bus Tour-

On the second Wednesday in May (May 10th) the 60 And Over Club of Ansgar will be taking their Annual Spring Bus Tour into the country.

All Seniors and their friends are most welcome to come along.

The bus will leave from the Church at 1:00 p.m. and will return somewhere around 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

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#### Confirmation-

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The coffee will be prepared and ready to serve by 3:30, and we will then have some time for games of all kinds before we have our supper at around 6:00 p.m. If you have some favourite lawn games, do bring them along. Likewise, if you have some collapsible lawn chairs, they might come in handy.

The idea of this event is that each family bring a dish of something or other for supper. We place it all on a big table and then sample one another's food. Remember to bring your own plates and cutlery — the Men's Club supplies the coffee.

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Should it rain that day (perish the thought!), we will plan to have the pot-luck on the following Friday evening at about 6:00 p.m. — that would be on June 2nd.

Do plan to come and worshipwith us at Ansgar in the month of May. You may be assured that a welcome awaits you.

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